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SCSO Conducts Two Sobriety Roadside Checkpoints

. The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** will be conducting **DUI Sobriety Checkpoints** to combat impaired driving on Shelby County roadways. They will conduct **two** Sobriety Checkpoints on **Friday, March 15, 2013**.

The first checkpoint will be conducted at **Hacks Cross / Meadow Vale from 8:30 – 10:30 pm** and the second checkpoint will be conducted at **Hacks Cross / Lowrance from 11:00p – 1:00 am**.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than **16,000** people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States.

Twenty-seven percent of those killed in motor vehicle crashes on Tennessee's highways during 2011 involved drivers or motorcycle operators with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 (the legal limit) or above at the time of their deadly crash. Teens and young adults are particularly at risk. In 2011, **35 percent** of 18- to 34-year-olds killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in Tennessee involved a driver or motorcycle operator with a BAC of .08 or higher that is simply unacceptable. **Drunk driving** is deadly and will not be tolerated. Officers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. Officers will target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

This checkpoint will be 100% funded with federal grant dollars in the amount of \$200,000. **This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.**

